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For: AUTOMATIC GUIDANCE SYSTEM FOR FLIGHT VEHICLE HAVING
PARAFOIL AND NAVIGATION GUIDANCE APPARATUS FOR THE SYSTEM

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(with Incorporated Statement Under 1.97)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing
a Supplemental Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement makes of record references
cited in the enclosed English language European Search Report for a corresponding EP
application which has a mail date of January 25, 2001. This Supplemental Information
Disclosure Statement also makes of record DE 43 39 251, an even more recently located
(by the undersigned) reference to one of the Applicants cited in the European Search
Report. The European Search Report also references an Abstract for JP 08 156893.

The relevance of the non-English language references cited in the European
Search Report are discussed in the English language European Search Report. An English

language abstract has also been provided for each of the non-English language references listed in the accompanying PTO-1449.

As to the references not already of record in the current case and which are cited in the accompanying European Search Report, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e)(1) the following:

That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement....

As to DE 43 39 251, this reference was located in a subsequent search carried out after receiving the European Search Report noted above and is thus not believed to be known by any individuals under 1.56(c) more than three months ago. A confirmatory review is being carried out to confirm this noted status for DE '251. An abstract accompanies DE '251 to provide a relevance indication.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents cited be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Applicants look forward to receipt of an initialized copy of the accompanying PTO-1449 form acknowledging receipt of the reference cited therein.

No fees are considered necessary. However, should any fees be required with this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 02-4300 and credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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